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my	know	ledge and belief the accompanying finan	cial stater	nents and suppor		
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of		December 31,	, <u>2004</u>	, are true	e and	correct. I further swear (or affirm) tha
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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation and Subsidiaries Year Ended December 31, 2004

Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplemental Information

Year Ended December 31, 2004

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors of Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation and Subsidiaries at December 31, 2004, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Ernst & Young LLP ERNST & YOUNG LLP

February 18, 2005

Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2004

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,933,614
Cash segregated under federal and other regulations	51,000
Receivable from agents, brokers or dealers	5,091,011
U.S. government obligation, at market value	1,718,430
Due from affiliates	171,486
Goodwill (net of accumulated amortization of \$365,162)	7,759,339
Other assets	193,526
Total assets	\$23,918,406
Liabilities and stockholder's equity	
Liabilities:	
Commissions payable	\$ 4,454,185
Income taxes payable to Parent	327,065
Other liabilities	372,248
Total liabilities	5,153,498
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Stockholder's equity:	
Common stock, par value \$1 per share; authorized 100,000 shares;	50,000
issued and outstanding 50,000 shares	50,000
Additional paid-in capital	4,368,220
Retained earnings	14,346,688
Total stockholder's equity	18,764,908
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Consolidated Statement of Income

Year Ended December 31, 2004

Revenues	
Concession	\$105,084,215
Concession from affiliates	29,191,003
Fees	5,690,341
Unrealized gain on security owned	220,305
Interest	207,710
	140,393,574
Expenses	
Selling	124,196,160
General and administrative	9,922,594
Taxes, licenses, and fees	1,162,287
	135,281,041
Income before federal income taxes	5,112,533
Federal income tax expense	1,800,814
Net income	\$ 3,311,719

Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Stockholder's Equity
Balance at December 31, 2003	\$50,000	\$4,368,220	\$15,034,969	\$ 107,552	\$19,560,741
Net income Change in unrealized gain on security owned, net of taxes			3,311,719		3,311,719
of \$19,194 Reclassification of security				35,646	35,646
available for sale to trading, net of taxes of (\$77,107)		-		(143,198)	(143,198)
Total comprehensive income			3,311,719	(107,552)	3,204,167
Dividend paid			(4,000,000)		(4,000,000)
Balance at December 31, 2004	\$50,000	\$4,368,220	\$14,346,688	\$	\$18,764,908

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2004

Operating activities	
Net income	\$ 3,311,719
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by	
operating activities:	
Deferred tax expense	118,097
Unrealized gain on security owned	(220,305)
Decrease in cash segregated under federal and other regulations	425,877
Decrease in receivables from agents and brokers or dealers	20,462
Decrease in due from affiliates	298,740
Decrease in other assets	6,841
Increase in commissions payable	246,809
Increase in income taxes payable to Parent	6,769
Decrease in other liabilities	(163,630)
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,051,379
Financing activity Dividend paid to Parent	(4,000,000)
Dividend paid to Fatent	(4,000,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	51,379
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$ 8,882,235
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 8,933,614
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information	
Federal income tax payments (paid to Parent)	\$ 1,960,937

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2004

1. Accounting Policies

Organization and Nature of Business

Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation (the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Jefferson-Pilot Corporation (Parent). Affiliates of the Company include Jefferson Pilot Life Insurance Company (JPL), Jefferson Pilot Financial Insurance Company (JPFIC), Jefferson Pilot Variable Corporation (JPVC) and Hampshire Funding, Inc. (Hampshire), which are also 100% owned by Jefferson-Pilot Corporation.

Allied Professional Advisors (APA), Polaris Advisory Services (PAS), and Windward Securities Corporation (WSC) are wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. APA and PAS provide investment advisory services through its Investment Advisory Representatives and Registered Representatives of JPSC. WSC is a subsidiary broker-dealer that provides various products and services including variable annuities, mutual funds, fee-based advisory services, and brokerage services for stock and bond transactions.

The Company has the following wholly owned subsidiaries which are required by state laws to facilitate the payment of commissions to registered representatives: Jefferson Pilot Insurance Agency of Alabama, Inc.; Jefferson Pilot Insurance Agency of Hawaii, Inc.; JPSC Insurance Services, Inc., The Polaris Agency of KY, Inc., The Polaris Insurance Agency of Massachusetts, Inc., and The Polaris Agency of NV, Inc.

Incorporated in 1969, the Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD) and the Boston Stock Exchange. The Company has nonexclusive selling agreements with a number of mutual fund distributors, variable annuity companies, limited partnerships, and fee-based advisory services. The Company also offers brokerage services for stock and bond transactions. The Company's principal markets for these investment vehicles are United States-based investors.

The Company carries no margin accounts, promptly transmits all customer funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities, does not otherwise hold funds or securities, or owe money or securities to customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation and all of its subsidiaries. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

Securities Transactions

Investments are reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, included in earnings. In prior years, investments were classified as available for sale at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, reported as a separate component of stockholder's equity.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired. The Company performs an annual impairment test on goodwill assets and any impairment losses are charged to earnings. The Company has determined all components are appropriately aggregated into one reporting unit.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Recognition of Revenue and Expense

Concession income and selling expense are recorded as earned. Fee income principally includes registered representative fees, additional dealer reallowances, and fees for general securities trades.

Income Taxes

The amount of current and deferred taxes payable or refundable is recognized as of the date of the financial statements, utilizing currently enacted tax laws and rates. Deferred tax expenses or benefits are recognized in the financial statements for the changes in deferred tax liabilities or assets between years.

2. Cash Segregated Under Federal and Other Regulations

Cash of \$50,000 has been segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of customers to satisfy future liabilities that may result if the Company determines refunds are owed to customers as a result of not delivering all breakpoint discounts on Class A mutual funds in prior years.

The Company's subsidiary, WSC, has cash of \$1,000 segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of customers under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

3. Employee Benefit and Compensation Plans

Substantially, all employees of the Company participate in a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan, a contributory defined contribution retirement plan, and postretirement life insurance and health care plans of Jefferson-Pilot Corporation.

The Pension and Retirement Plans for the employees of Jefferson-Pilot Corporation are funded through group annuity contracts with Jefferson Pilot Life Insurance Company and provide benefits based on annual compensation and years of service. Accumulated plan benefits, plan net assets and net periodic pension costs by component for the Company is not determinable.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

3. Employee Benefit and Compensation Plans (continued)

The Company's registered representatives participate in a deferred compensation plan. The deferred compensation plan is a voluntary, nonqualified plan, allowing registered representatives to defer up to 100% of their securities commissions. Representatives may select from a range of 15 investment options. JPL makes contributions to the plan and records the related income tax effects. The Company reimburses JPL for contributions made to the plan.

Substantially all of the Company's employees are eligible to participate in stock ownership and incentive plans of the Parent. The Company's proportionate share of costs related to these stock ownership and incentive plans has been included in General and Administrative.

4. Contingencies

The Company is involved in pending or threatened lawsuits arising from the normal conduct of its business. The Company maintains insurance coverage as a measure to limit its risk with respect to such lawsuits. Although the results of legal actions cannot be predicted, it is the opinion of management that the resolution of such litigation will not have a material effect on the Company's ability to meet its net capital or aggregate indebtedness requirements.

5. Guarantees

FASB Interpretation No. 45 (FIN 45), Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirement for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Other requires the Company to disclose information regarding it indemnification agreement with its clearing broker.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing broker for losses that it may sustain from the customer accounts introduced by the Company. At December 31, 2004, the total amount of customer balances subject to such indemnification was approximately \$22,482,501. In accordance with applicable margin lending practices, customer balances are typically collateralized by customer securities or supported by other types of recourse provisions. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under this indemnification cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under this

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

5. Guarantees (continued)

arrangement and has not recorded any contingent liability in the consolidated financial statements for this indemnification.

6. Federal Income Taxes

The Company is included in the consolidated federal income tax return filed by the Parent. Federal income taxes are calculated as if the companies filed on a separate return basis, and the amount of current tax or benefit calculated is either remitted to or received from the Parent.

The Company's federal income tax provision is computed in accordance with a Tax Sharing Agreement between the Parent and its subsidiaries at the statutory rate of 35%. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory tax rate due to nondeductibility of meals and entertainment expenses.

The Company had total deferred tax liabilities of \$141,537 at December 31, 2004 associated with an unrealized gain on a security owned, \$77,107, and \$64,430 related to investments in limited partnerships and various other accruals.

7. Net Capital Requirement

As a registered broker-dealer in securities, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2004, the Company had net capital of \$10,017,464, which was \$9,641,766 in excess of its required net capital of \$375,698. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .56 to 1. Aggregate indebtedness, used to compute the Company's net capital, includes reclassifications prescribed by Rule 15c3-1.

8. Transactions with Affiliates

The Company has a Selling Agreement with Jefferson Pilot Variable Corporation (JPVC), an affiliated broker-dealer that is also registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. JPVC acts as distributor for Jefferson Pilot Financial's variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. Under this

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

8. Transactions with Affiliates (continued)

selling agreement, the Company is paid sales commissions relating to these products. The Company received concession of \$28,865,781 and \$325,222 in 2004 for its variable life and annuity sales, respectively, which are included in concession from affiliates.

As a registered broker-dealer in securities, the Company buys and sells shares of regulated investment companies for participants in Hampshire's insurance funding programs.

Substantially, all general and administrative expenses are allocated to the Company by JPL in accordance with mutually agreed-upon cost allocation methods which the Company and JPL believe reflect a proportional allocation of common expenses which are commensurate for the performance of the applicable duties.

Due from affiliates represents net receivables and payables primarily related to commissions, pursuant to the Company's Selling Agreement, and general and administrative expenses payable.

The Company's registered representatives may participate in a deferred compensation plan offered by JPL.

Supplemental Information

Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1

December 31, 2004

Computation of net capital Total stockholder's equity	\$18,764,908
Deductions and/or charges:	
Nonallowable assets:	
Goodwill	\$ 7,759,339
Accounts receivable	555,104
Exchange seat deposit	4,000
Deposit held by clearing firm	50,000
Other invested assets	84,487
Total nonallowable assets	8,452,930
Deduction for clearing firm penalty clause	200,000
Haircut on debt securities	94,514
Total deductions and haircuts	8,747,444
Net Capital	\$10,017,464
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ 5,635,477
Computation of basic net capital requirement:	
Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)	\$ 375,698
Minimum dollar net capital requirement	\$ 250,000
Net capital requirement (greater of above amounts)	\$ 375,698
Excess net capital	\$ 9,641,766
Excess net capital at 1,000 percent	\$ 9,453,916
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	.56 to 1
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There were no material differences between the audited Computation of Net Capital included in this report and the corresponding schedule included in the Company's unaudited December 31, 2004 Part IIA FOCUS filing.

Statement Regarding Rule 15c3-3

December 31, 2004

Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(i and ii) of that Rule. All customer transactions are cleared through an unaffiliated broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

Supplementary Report



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Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control

The Board of Directors
Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements and supplemental schedules of Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation and Subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the criteria stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons;
- 2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; and
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned criteria. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional criteria of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of internal control to future periods is subject to the risk that internal control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of its design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that meet the criteria referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not meet such criteria in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2004, to meet the SEC's criteria.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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February 18, 2005